

Happy New Year!

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As holiday travel period continues through midnight Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

Law enforcement encourages motorists to 'drive safe' through the holidays

Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) continues to urge motorists traveling on Alabama roadways to slow down and prepare ahead to ensure everyone arrives safely to their destination.

"The days leading up to Christmas through New Year's Day are a wonderful time for celebration and happiness, as this is truly a season to cherish with friends and family," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. "However, we all

must remember the hazards associated with traveling during this busy time of year."

The extended holiday travel period began at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and will end at midnight Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023. During this time, ALEA's Troopers assigned to the Highway Patrol Division will conduct a variety of enforcement activities, including driver license and equipment check points, to curb such deadly behaviors as driving under the influence, driving while distracted, not buckling up, speeding and following too closely.

Already during this holiday travel period, local

emergency responders have worked multiple vehicle accidents in Elba and Coffee County. Fortunately, no major injuries have been reported from these accidents, but the same cannot be said for the vehicles as most have seen heavy damage leaving the vehicle undrivable.

As the holiday season continues over the next several days, all are encouraged to take extra precautions when traveling on the roadways. Drivers should watch their speed, avoid distractions while driving, do not drive impaired, and pay attention to the other vehicles on the roadway too.



TWO-VEHICLE WRECK IN CURTIS COMMUNITY SENDS TWO TO HOSPITAL... It was still pre-dawn Friday, Dec. 23, around 5 a.m., when a two-vehicle wreck was reported at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141 in the Curtis Community. Upon arrival on scene, emergency responders found the two vehicles in the median of the roadway — one with heavy damage to the front of the vehicle and the other flipped over on its side. Officials said there were a total of seven people inside the vehicles, including the two drivers. Of the seven, two were transported to a local hospital to be treated for injuries sustained; however, it was believed those injuries were not serious. Officials said both vehicles were traveling through the area from out-of-state with no local area people involved in this accident. Investigators said the vehicle traveling on Hwy. 141 failed to stop at the stop sign moving into the path of the other vehicle traveling on Hwy 84 and thus causing the collision.



TWO VEHICLE WRECK REPORTED MONDAY NIGHT IN ELBA... Emergency responders in Elba were dispatched to the scene of this two-vehicle wreck Monday night, Dec. 26, at approximately 11:30 p.m., at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Highway 203 (U.S. Hwy 84). Reportedly, the Chevrolet shown above had collided with a FedEx truck. No injuries were reported from this accident. Elba Police and Fire responded to the wreck. No further details were available from this wreck as of press time this week. The Elba Volunteer Fire Department had a busy Monday as the firefighters were dispatched to two motor vehicle wrecks, and a brush fire. Then, early Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, the fire department was dispatched to a house fire on County Rd. 410.



TWO-VEHICLE WRECK REPORTED IN FRONT OF DOLLAR GENERAL IN ELBA... Elba Police and Fire were dispatched Monday afternoon, Dec. 26, to a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection in front of Dollar General on Hwy 203 (U.S. Hwy 84) in Elba. The wreck was reported to Elba Police at 12:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. Upon arrival on scene, responders found that a SUV traveling on the highway had 't-boned' a truck attempting to cross the highway from Martin Luther King Dr. (by the Dollar General store). Responders reported no major injuries from this accident despite the point of impact. This was the first of two accidents reported at intersections on State Hwy 203 in Elba on Monday.

Elba Police make arrest for distribution of a controlled substance

Elba Police made an arrest Monday afternoon, Dec. 26, for distribution of a controlled substance, and the suspect was released on bond less than two hours later.

According to Coffee County jail records, Dekarion Kyles, age 25, of Elba, was arrested Monday afternoon by officers with the Elba Police Department. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 1:43 p.m. on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

At 3 p.m. Monday, Kyles was released after posting a \$30,000 bond.



Dekarion Kyles



Zoey Moore



Alonte Hill



Margie Lawson



Sabion Edwards



Undray Chism

Wanted by Elba Police: These suspects have outstanding warrants

The investigations division of the Elba Police Department this week is

seeking the public's help in locating several suspects with outstanding warrants for arrest.

Zoey Moore has multiple outstanding warrants for failure to appear with the City of Elba.

Three suspects are being

sought for distribution of a controlled substance warrants — Alonte Hill, Margie Lawson, and Sabion Edwards.

Undray Chism is being sought for a possession of a controlled substance warrant.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the suspects listed here should contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 or encourage the individuals to turn himself/herself into police immediately.

Elba Council adopts proclamation for human trafficking awareness

During the Dec. 12th meeting of the Elba City Council, Mayor Tom Maddox presented a proclamation recognizing the month of January to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the City of Elba.

In presenting the proclamation, the mayor said, "fighting human trafficking is a shared responsibility." Alabama's Human Trafficking Awareness Month was first established in January 2011 in observance of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, to proclaim equality and freedom of all people, to advocate for legislation, to educate leaders and to encourage public aware-

ness to the various forms of human trafficking.

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NOTICE:

In next week's paper (Jan. 5th edition), The Elba Clipper will take a look back at the 'Top Headlines' from 2022.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. For utility emergencies during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 to report an outage. Garbage service will run on the regular schedule.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala., beginning at 9 a.m. We are limited to the number of people that we can have in the room so if you plan to attend, please call 334-894-5581X3.



NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN DOWNTOWN ELBA... The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, Dec. 19, for SON Exposure, a Christian bookstore and gifts retail store. The business also offers indoor tanning. Owned and operated by Melissa Wood, SON Exposure is located at 425 Davis Street in downtown Elba and is open Monday — Thursday from 9 a.m. — 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. Those present for last week's ribbon cutting included: (from left) Teen Miss Elba Taylor Day, Young Miss Elba Kayden Moseley, Little Miss Elba Bella Bane, Lisa Johnson, Jack Brunson, Sally Bane, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, Raeanne McCollough, Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams, Melissa Wood, Shelby Mote, Jane Brunson, and Elba Police Chief Troy Staley.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint." — Mark Twain

Car warranty scams. The FCC is cracking down on at least one firm that made over five BILLION robocalls in a three-month period in 2021 alone to unsuspecting phone users offering "car warranties". Frankly we think at least half of those calls came to our personal and/or office phones. A part of the efforts to control this scam is a proposed \$300 million fine for the two men accused of operating the phone scam operation in the U. S. The news release described the calls as "to sell vehicle service contracts deceptively marketed as car warranties". Oh, they were creative enough that they knew the make and model of the car they wanted to issue a warranty on!

It is scary when a person's children hold a family conference and start plotting on buying daddy a 'blue terry cloth bathrobe' to replace the one he was writing about a week ago. Well, last weekend they confessed to having the discussion but added that they thought better of actually making the purchase. They probably knew daddy enough to predict the new one would stay in the gift box 'saving it' while the 70-year-old robe would continue in use.

Cats are rather independent animals is an understatement. They can be in your lap (if they want to) or wiggling until you turn them loose. The really aggravating thing is when they sit at the door and then angle up in your feet as you try to enter or exit the house. We own no cats, but our neighborhood has a bunch and they come visiting regularly. Occasionally we put out some meat scraps, but always a distance away from the back door. It does no good, they still know it will happen again soon and run up when we come out of the house in the mornings or at noon. One year we had a bag of old pecans and started scattering a few each day around the base of an oak tree — just for the squirrels. It was amusing to watch the wandering cats sit patiently at the base of the tree waiting on a hungry squirrel to come scrambling down from above. It rarely worked, as the squirrels also saw the cats and just waited until they wandered off. However, the next day the cats would always be back and patiently looking up the tree trunk. Those who own cats really enjoy them, but it amazes us that they never get their feet tangled with the cat and go tumbling.

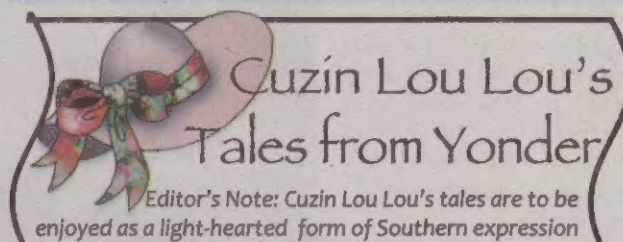
All three of our children like and own dogs. The Lee County bunch takes the cake right now. They have three (3) rescue dogs (from the dog pound) and an additional one who has apparently adopted them. His original owner lives a couple of miles up the road and after multiple trips to retrieve him, apparently gave up and decided the dog liked the food at his new home better! He now has an official (warm) bed beside the other outside dog (two are inside dogs).

We hope all our readers can truthfully say the year 2022 was one of their best years and they climaxed it with a good Christmas holiday.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!



ALL WAS CALM AND BRIGHT in downtown Elba during the evening hours of Christmas night, Dec. 25, just after the 7 p.m. hour. As many were nestled in the warmth of their home, the downtown square was shining brightly with decorations of the season and street lighting - it almost seemed like a backdrop scene from a holiday movie with the peacefulness of the moment. Elba's downtown square lit up for the holidays is most assuredly a beautiful sight to see.



Arctic temperatures made their way into Yonder land late last week, and it was not a welcome visitor as far as Cuzin Lou Lou was concerned!

Being one that generally has 'last minute' Christmas shopping to complete, the cold temperatures made the chore even more uncomfortable for Lou Lou. She is one that enjoys temperatures in the 80's and above; so, the teens that felt like single digit temps last week were just plain out cruel to Lou Lou.

There was a time when Sister enjoyed colder temperatures, and she still likes them better today than Lou Lou, but even she was agreeing it was a bit too cold last weekend! That agreement was at the 100 percent mark last Friday night when the two ventured out to go shopping for some final Christmas gifts.

Both bundled up and layered their clothing for the trip knowing it was going to be a cold task. For the most part, the extra clothing helped...well, until the wind kicked up on them. Then, there was no help for anyone.

Even short walks from the vehicle to the storefront caused Lou Lou and Sister to shiver and wonder, "who's bright idea was it to go shopping in these freezing temperatures?!?!?" Of course, Sister insisted the idea was Lou Lou's and was caused by her constant procrastination over Christmas shopping. Never mind that at each store visited Sister also had to visit the checkout line because she too purchased items.

The only saving grace from the freezing adventure was a trip to Starbucks to allow Lou Lou and Sister to warm back up with a nice, tasty HOT coffee!

Both Lou Lou and Sister agreed that if it was going to be that cold for Christmas, it might as well go ahead and snow to create a true white Christmas for everyone, but Lou Lou only wanted that to happen if said snow would be gone before she needed to 'get back out' in the world.

While snow is pretty, Lou Lou is not really a fan of it either. She would much rather look at the white sand of a warm beach any day!!

Alas, there was no snow... just cold, cold weather, and the Yonder gang survived the arctic blast once again. Some say it was good for the area because it would help kill some undesired bugs...Lou Lou can only hope that was true and there is at least something good that came from her few days of discomfort.

It's only the end of December so more of those arctic blasts may still appear before winter is officially over. Now that "Take One" is over, maybe Lou Lou and the gang will be better prepared for any additional visits from Mr. Winter!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! Also, the Yonder Gang wishes you and yours a Happy New Year!!

The Moore You Know...

Editorial Column by
U.S. Rep. Barry Moore,
2nd Congressional District

This probably won't come as a surprise to you, but the United States Congress has a spending problem. It recently passed a one-week extension of current spending levels — over my objection.

These were spending levels decided by Democrat majorities in the House and the Senate. Some Republicans, by surrendering to Democrat desires to extend current spending levels only one week, greased the skids for a \$1.7 trillion omnibus bill to be passed in the lame duck period. This allows the House Democrat majority, fired by American voters just last month, to stuff untold wasteful spending and radical policies into a bill without accountability to the voters.

Why would Republicans give Pelosi a \$1.7 trillion retirement gift — financed by taxpayers — instead of holding the line and demanding we push this decision until the new Congress?

This lame duck bill robs House Republicans of the ability to use the power of the purse to curb the excesses and radical policies of the Biden administration in the coming Congress. It is not a good omen for those of us who wanted a new House Republican majority to show some backbone.

The situation at our southern border is spiraling out of control.

Since President Biden has been in office, there have been over 4 million migrant encounters at the Southwest border, in addition to over 1 million known gotaways — those who evaded border patrol. Terrifyingly, border agents intercepted over 14,000 pounds of fentanyl last fiscal year, but more is getting through. In fact, over 300 Americans are dying every day from fentanyl overdoses. No community or family is safe.

This is historic failure to secure our border, and Americans are dying as a

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, and Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Dec. 20 — Assault reported at 1013 Hickman Ave (7:08 a.m.); Man with a gun reported at 616 Reynolds Ave (8:07 p.m.); Harassment reported at 625 Reynolds Ave (10:14 p.m.); Assault reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:23 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (3:07 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 720 Reese Ave (3:55 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, two written warnings, one citation, and one arrest.

Thursday, Dec. 22 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 595 Collier St (1:01 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (7:53 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 429 N Claxton Ave (9:21 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 — a verbal warning was issued (12:31 p.m.); Animal

complaint reported at 1107 Martin Luther King Dr — w/imprison (1:42 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2695 Hwy 166 (2:06 p.m.); Theft of services reported at 1557 Powell Circle (2:21 p.m.); Theft of services reported at 1596 Powell Circle (2:37 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 225 Fox Dr — w/arrest (9:06 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one arrest, and one citation.

Friday, Dec. 23 — Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (4:51 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1525 Jones St (1:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on N Claxton Ave (1:28 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (10:32 p.m.).

Saturday, Dec. 24 — No Report Received.

Sunday, Dec. 25 — Domestic complaint reported at 234 Old Samson Rd — w/arrest (3:15 a.m.); Harassment reported at 610 Mullins Circle (12:59 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Farris Ave (2:07 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (7:40 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in advice given.

Monday, Dec. 26 — Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (1:17 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1795 N Claxton Ave (6:13 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at the intersection by 804 Hwy 203 (12:30 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 145 Tiger Dr (2:15 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1795 N Claxton Ave (6:08 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1477 Country Club Way (9:41 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Claxton Ave (11:13 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

CHEERS TO NEW YEARS

And cheers to a happy, healthy, and abundant one!

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LUNCHEON PILOTS PRESENTS "BrainMinders" TO 2ND GRADERS... BrainMinders is Pilot International's signature program originally designed in 2001 to teach safety to children to help prevent brain injuries. Realizing the need to teach brain injury prevention to people of all ages, Pilots have expanded the program to include presentations for youth and seniors. The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise chose to present BrainMinder programs to second graders using hand puppets. This year the program was presented to Brookwood Elementary (86 students) and Hillcrest Elementary (108 students). Each student was given a color book with brain safety tips presented by BrainMinder Buddies. Shown in photo from left Caroline Gephart with Martin the Monkey; Debbie Shelton with the Wise Old Owl; Debbie Godfrey with Gerald the Giraffe; and Fran Walters with Bob the Beagle and Zach the Zebra.

Governor announces Alabama's unemployment rate holds steady

Governor Kay Ivey recently announced that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate is 2.7%, unchanged from October, and below November 2021's rate of 3.1%.

November's rate represents 63,043 unemployed persons, compared to 61,721 in October and 69,688 in November 2021.

Coffee County's rate for the month is at 2.2% while Crenshaw County is at 2.3%, Pike, Covington, and Dale counties are at 2.4%, Geneva County is at 2.1%.

"It is encouraging to see that Alabama's economy is supporting more jobs today than ever in our 203 year history," said Governor Ivey. "While we continue maintaining a low unemployment rate, the fact that our businesses are growing jobs is certainly something to be grateful for this holiday season. We will continue working hard to support Alabamians as we weather a challenging national climate."

Wage and salary employment, or the number of jobs our economy is supporting, marked a new record high in November, totaling 2,119,800. Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 51,300, with gains in the education and health services sector (+14,000), the professional and business services sector (+13,900) and the trade, transportation and utilities sector (+5,700), among others.

Over the month, wage and salary employment increased in November by 9,600. Monthly gains were seen in the trade, transportation and utilities sector (+8,100), the government sector (+1,600) and the professional and business services sector (+1,100), among others.

"We continue to be encouraged by the job growth in Alabama," said Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington. "Many of our industries are seeing record high employment, and wages are maintaining strong year over year growth as well."

5.4% and Dallas County at 5.2%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Homewood and Trussville at 1.5%, Vestavia Hills and Madison at 1.6% and Alabaster and Hoover at 1.7%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 6.2%, Prichard at 5.7% and Bessemer at 3.8%.

Total private average weekly wages remained high at \$996.83, an increase of \$23.96 over last year.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 1.7%, Marshall and Cullman Counties at 1.8% and Morgan and Clay Counties at 1.9%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 8.4%, Perry County at

NOTICES:

** The Elba Water and Electric Board will host a Retirement Party for long-time electric department employee Terry Pike on Thursday, Dec. 29, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Elba City Hall.

** City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be no change to the garbage pickup schedule due to this holiday.

** Coffee County Schools students (Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton) return to school from the holidays on Wednesday, Jan. 4th. Teachers/staff return on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

** Elba City Schools students return to school from the holidays on Thursday, Jan. 5th. Teachers/staff return on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

T.F. "BILLY" IVEY

Mr. T. F. "Billy" Ivey, age 94, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Shawn Crosby and Rev. Clifton Quincey officiating. Burial followed in

Meadow Lawn Memorial Park cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Assembly of God Church building fund, 537 Boll Weevil Cir., Enterprise, AL 36330 or charity of your choice.

Survivors include his wife: Lorene A. Ivey, Enterprise; daughter: Rachel (Huey) Norwood, Enterprise; son: Joe (Marlyn) Ivey, Enterprise; stepsons: John (Teresa) Carr, Enterprise, David (Theresa) Carr, Elba; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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direct consequence. In the private sector, if you don't do your job, you get canned.

That's why I've called for Republicans to begin impeachment proceedings next year of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. If President Biden won't hold Secretary Mayorkas accountable, House Republicans must do it for him.

It is truly humbling to have been elected to serve you for a second term in Washington.

On January 3, 2023, when the new Congress is sworn in, my office will be hosting an open house on in my Washington office from 11:00amEST to 3:00pm. If you and your friends and

family are in town, I hope you will stop by.

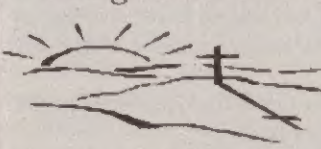
My proudest accomplishment during my first term is the work my staff and I have done for my constituents. We've sent over 31,000 constituent letters, resolved over 2,200 federal cases for constituents dealing with IRS, VA, and other agencies, and returned over \$2 million to constituents through federal casework.

I've also had a bill signed into law for our veterans and their families, a rare feat for a freshman in the minority. I look forward to another term serving you. Visit one of my offices, call us at 334-478-6330, or visit barrymoore.house.gov if we can serve you.

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According to the proclamation, human trafficking occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, and other methods of slavery.

"Anyone can become a victim of trafficking," Mayor Maddox said. "While women and girls are the primary victims, victims/survivors come from every background, race, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status. Traffickers target individuals who, for any reason, are vulnerable."

Even though awareness of this crime is growing, human trafficking continues to go unreported due to its isolating nature, the misunderstanding of its definition, and the lack of awareness about its indicators.

"Increased community education is how to identify victims of human trafficking along with increased knowledge of local resources and services for those affected by these criminal actions can help restore freedom and dignity to identified survivors," Maddox said. "It also can help diminish the number of future victims."

Business of the Month:
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Card of Thanks
The Family of Cheryl Elizabeth Nichols would like to thank you for all the cards, texts, phone calls, visits, prayers and food during her illness and death. You will never know how much it meant to us and how you kept us going. We will always be blessed by our many Elba friends. A special thanks to Cheryl's carers: Teresa Newson, Elaine Rayburn and Marika Arnold. We would also like to thank Kindred Home Health and Kindred Hospice of Enterprise for excellent care and friendship.
Ann Nichols and Carole Mashburn

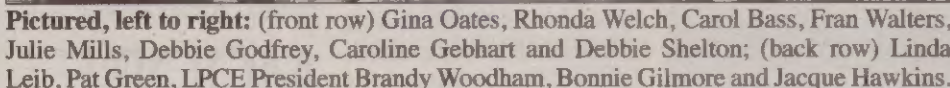
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After a Loss: Pay Attention to Unhealthy Coping Techniques
A holiday season following the loss of a loved one can trigger many challenging thoughts and feelings. While this is totally normal, it is important to take care of yourself and pay close attention to your emotions. Feelings of apathy and hopelessness can be warning signs that your grief might be putting you at risk for depression. Things such as loss of appetite and exhaustion are also warning signs your body may give that it is on overload.
While there are many healthy ways to cope with your grief, it can be easy to turn to unhealthy means of coping such as withdrawing socially or turning to alcohol or food.
Alcohol is a particularly tricky one to navigate, especially during the holiday season. Since alcohol is so deeply integrated into our lives, you will find it at most holiday parties and events. But of course, alcohol also carries the risk of dependency. It can be very easy to use it to self-medicate and numb the uncomfortable feelings you are feeling.
It can be easy to start rationalizing the use of alcohol, particularly in stressful times. The problem is that alcohol is not a healthy coping skill. It can help fix the symptoms of our grief by providing a respite from our thoughts and feelings, but it doesn't solve the underlying cause of our grief.
So, what should you be paying attention to? Become aware of why you drink. If you are drinking to cope with difficult emotions such as loss, stress, or despair, it is a sign you should seek some alternative coping skills.
If you are supporting a griever, continue to contact them. People often come together to give support, then quickly fade away. Ask them out for coffee or lunch.
If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net
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City Of ELBA NOTICE
City Privilege Licenses are due
January 1, 2023 and delinquent February 1, 2023
Penalties will be assessed if license is not purchased prior to February 1.
For further information or to purchase a license, please contact Sandra Berry at (334) 897-2333.
City of Elba, AL
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Luncheon Pilots and Enterprise Rotary host Special Needs Christmas Party

Pat Green, the LPCE Chair for the Christmas Party, did an excellent job of contacting the schools for a list of special needs individuals, getting their wish lists and inviting them and their parents to attend. Members of the two clubs met a week earlier to purchase 135 gifts and then a week later to wrap the gifts and place them in bags by school.



LPCE decorated the hall and placed the gifts

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church

Seven Secrets of Success in Life

2022 is almost in the books, and 2023 is just ahead. A new year. A fresh start. An opportunity for change, living more purposefully, or going in a different direction. I've always felt it's never too late, well, until...you know...death. They say two things certain in life are taxes and death. If that's true about death, looks like we'd be more thoughtful about our life, right? I have no advice about taxes.

I'm reminded of Alice and the Cat in Alice in Wonderland: "Would you tell me please which way I ought to go from here?" asked Alice.

"That depends a good deal on where you want to go," said the Cat.

If you and I were talking, and I asked where is it that you wanted to go, how would you answer? Do you know? Why not give it some thought? A lot of people never think about what they are doing with their life or where they are headed. Do you?

I read Og Mandino's book, *The Greatest Salesman in the World*, some years back and found it insightful. I adapted some of his thoughts and wrote the following "secrets of success" for my life on a piece of paper and began reading them every day. At least, these seven ideas made me think about my life in a more purposeful way.

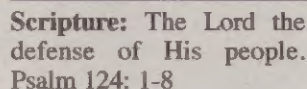
I will now pass them on to you. Perhaps they will inspire you as much as they did me. Or hopefully, they will aid you on your journey to wherever it is you want to go. You really should give it some serious thought. So, here they are:

1. Today, I begin a new day...a new day of life! How will I live it?
2. I will greet this day with love in my heart.
3. I will pray today for God's guidance and help.
4. I will persist until I succeed, no matter how difficult it may be.
5. I will always seek the seeds of triumph in any adversity.
6. I will live this day as if it were my last. One day will be my last day.
7. I will act now. Not tomorrow. Today.

One biblical character that I admire is the Apostle Paul—a great Christian man, totally sold out to Jesus. At the end of his life, here's what he said about himself: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (see 2 Timothy 4:7). Sounds like he was satisfied with his life, doesn't it? He had lived his life successfully. He lived the life he intended to live.

That's what I want, too. What about you?

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January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Trina Flowers 1/1
Melissa K. Hutchinson 1/2
Anthony Robinson 1/3
Phillip N. Faison 1/3
Chessie Cross 1/3
Lasalle Cooks 1/3
Jeff and Audrey W. Bennett
1/4 W.A.
Martha Gilford 1/7
Superintendent William K.
Ellison 1/7
Shayla Bright 1/8
Corene Daniels 1/8
Emmett Bright 1/8

Our Traditions or His Touch?

Mildred was very upset. Her sense of the dignity of worship had been disrupted. After 40 years of sitting in one spot in the sanctuary, she moved to the other side of the aisle. Why?

Wayne, a newcomer, had the annoying habit of loudly saying, "Amen!" or "Praise the Lord!" while the minister was preaching. Wayne would also raise his hands during worship time, and he was known to jump to his feet on occasion and shout "Hallelujah!"

Nothing could have been further from the truth. Wayne was just an excited Christian. The preacher appreciated his affirmations. He knew that at least one person was listening! But, the conflict continued to grow in Mildred's mind. One Sunday, she finally had had enough. She confronted Wayne in the foyer. "I'll have you know that in the New Testament it is

not reported on time that Jesus ever jumped to His feet and shouted hallelujah! If He didn't do it, then we shouldn't either." Wayne reflected briefly, then simply replied, "What you say may be true. Perhaps Jesus never did leap up and shout hallelujah, but I'll tell you another truth, Mildred. Every person who was ever touched by Jesus certainly did!" Wayne worshipped as he did only because he could feel the Master's hand on him. Maybe it is time to break with some of the traditions of the church in favor of the touch of His hand. — C.T.

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of

12/29/22

Multiple Choice
Q: In what city

Q: In what city did Tabitha (or Dorcas) live? (Joppa, Damascus, Caesarea)

A: Joppa [Acts 9:36]

Q: Before whom was Jesus' "good confession" made? (Herod, Pilate, Cyrus)

A: Pilate [1 Timothy 6:13]

Thought to Remember

- Wait patiently and work prayerfully.

- A proper attitude about giving trumps the size of the gift.

Questions for the Week of 1/5/23

True or False

Q: God said that a different Phinehas would die on the same day as his brother.

Q: A key feature of the new covenant is that God forgives sin but does not forget it.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

**Have a
appy New
Year!**

Church Directory



**IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN**

Church Directory

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS
CHURCH, Elba**
Max Reed, Minister
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 a.m.

**ABUNDANT GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, ALA.**
Michael Thorne Sr., Pastor
 Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Harry Driggers, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHELEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
 Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remona Smith, Pastor
 Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
 2nd & 4th Sundays
 Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Paul Jackson, Pastor
 Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Wed. Night... Peak of the
 Week & meal... 5:30 p.m.
 Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15
 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Discipleship Training 5:00
 p.m.
 Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
 Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
David Noble, Pastor
 Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
 Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
 Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Steve Renacu, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adecek, Pastor
 Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Overseers - Billy Berry
 Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor**
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Steve Renacu, Pastor
 Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Gloria Allen, Pastor**
 Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
 Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT
CHURCH**
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
 Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
 Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Service... 10:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
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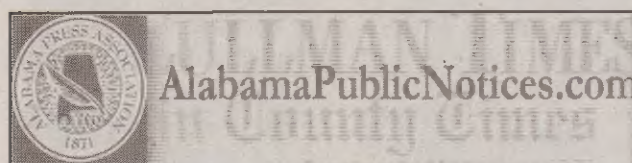
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MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by PHYLLIS NORTON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN RICHARD NORTON, A NON-BORROWING CO-OWNER, to ALL IN CREDIT UNION FORMERLY KNOWN AS ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION on MARCH 19, 2019, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, at OFFREC BOOK 828 PAGE 570, the undersigned ALL IN CREDIT UNION FORMERLY KNOWN AS ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of COFFEE County, at ENTERPRISE, Alabama, on JANUARY 19, 2023, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND CAPPED REBAR STAMPED "GSA", SAID POINT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF DONALD STREET (PRESCRIPTIVE R.O.W.) AND THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF DAMASCUS ROAD A.K.A. ALABAMA HIGHWAY 134 (60' R.O.W.); THENCE RUN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF DAMASCUS ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 169.20 FEET TO A FOUND 1 INCH OPEN TOP PIPE; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.73 FEET TO A SET CROSS IN A CONCRETE DRIVEWAY, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 53.38 FEET TO A FOUND CAPPED REBAR, SAID POINT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ERIC BRION IN DEED BOOK 107, PAGE 848 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 96 DEGREES 23 MINUTES

33 SECONDS AND RUN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID ERIC BRION PROPERTY FOR A DISTANCE OF 113.01 FEET TO A SET 5/8 INCH CAPPED REBAR; THENCE TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 83 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 37 SECONDS AND RUN IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.00 FEET TO A SET 5/8 INCH CAPPED REBAR; THENCE TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 93 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AND RUN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 112.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 6.311 SQUARE FEET OR 0.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TOGETHER WITH AN ACCESS EASEMENT MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND CAPPED REBAR STAMPED "GSA", SAID POINT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF DONALD STREET (PRESCRIPTIVE R.O.W.) AND THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF DAMASCUS ROAD A.K.A. ALABAMA HIGHWAY 134 (60' R.O.W.); THENCE RUN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF DAMASCUS ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 227.65 FEET TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE TURN CONTINUE ALONG THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 93 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AND RUN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 93 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AND RUN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID EASEMENT CONTAINS 1,685 SQUARE FEET OR 0.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Subject to all zoning, easements, restrictions, restrictive covenants and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens, Ad Valorem Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property. The property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, enjoyment or condition. The mortgagee or transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. All bidders will be required to execute a bidding agreement prior to sale. Copies of the bidding agreement

may be obtained prior to the sale. The successful bidder will be required to pay the bid amount at the time of sale in cash or certified funds.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the attorneys fees and expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to cancellation or postponement. ALL IN CREDIT UNION FORMERLY KNOWN AS ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Mortgagee-Transferee

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12-15, 22, 29-chg

LEGAL NOTICE

Grady Ralls & Sons, Inc., hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No HSIP-0134(510) in Coffee County. SR-134 at the Intersection of CR-460 and CR 461 East of Opp. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on 12/15/22 and ending on 1/5/23. All claims should be filed at Grady Ralls & Sons, Inc., 12364 Brookland Road, Evergreen, AL 36401 during this period. Grady Ralls & Sons, Inc. 12/15, 22, 29 & 1/5/23-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NELLIE J. ANDERSON, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2022-080

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that letters Testamentary were granted on 8th day of December, 2022, to Jerry McMillan, as Executor of the Estate of Nellie J. Anderson, a/k/a Nellie J. Anderson, deceased, who departed this life on the 4th day of June, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jerry McMillan
Jerry McMillan, Executor of The Estate of Nellie J. Anderson, a/k/a Nellie J. Anderson, Deceased
12/15, 22, 29-pd

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

COURTNEY CUMMINGS, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN PARTIES being the heirs of devisees Of Thelma Jean Blue, deceased, et al, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2022-900107

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Courtney Cummings has filed a Complaint pursuant to Section 6-6-560, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended, against any and all persons claiming any interests in the following said land, to-wit: **Parcel One:**

All right, title and of land and to one lot the dw, together with all other house and thereon, improvements Enterprise City of lying in an Alabama, of the NW 1/4 a part Section 20, NE 1/4, Range 22, thship 4, described as fobetter Beginning at a the South right ot on of Griswold Strae which point is 18 more or less, East East right of way li Fleming Street and w. point is also the North corner of lot of land own by Waymon Mallishan, and running thence in a Southerly direction along the East boundary of said Mallishan lot for a distance of 90 feet; thence Easterly for a distance of 60 feet; thence Northerly for a distance of 90 feet and to the South right of way line of Griswold Street; thence West along the South right of way line of Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of the property that was conveyed by C.W. Carmichael to Corine Sawyer on November 26, 1936, and which conveyance is recorded in Deed Book 27, page 34, in the Probate Office in Enterprise, Alabama.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 83, Page 606.

Parcel Two:

One vacant lot of land in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South margin of Griswold Street and at the Northeast corner of property of Thelma Jean Blue, Louis Reynolds and wife, Tula Reynolds, and running thence South for a distance of 90 feet, more or less; thence West along the South boundary of said Blue and Reynolds property for a distance of 60 feet, more or less; thence South for a distance of 75 feet, more or less, and to the North margin of Sawyer Street (which is unopened at this time); thence East along the North margin of said Sawyer Street for a distance of 120 feet, more or less, and to the Southwest corner of property of Marion and Fannie Newson; thence North along the West boundary of said Newson property for a distance of 165 feet, more or less, and to the South margin of aforesaid Griswold Street; thence West along the South margin of said Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet, more or less, and to the point of beginning.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 95, Page 791.

Any personal claiming any interest in said land shall have thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this notice in order to file an answer in Case No. CV-2022-900107 pending in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Done this 22nd day of December, 2022.

Circuit Clerk
12/29, 1/5, 12 & 19-chg.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

When I first woke up Christmas morning I thought Santa must have wrecked his sleigh on our Christmas tree and had to leave all the presents behind to make it back to the North Pole. Our grandson Lawson was in charge of handing out the presents and reading the names on each and every gift, and since there were no gifts left when he got through I guess maybe we were better than I thought.

For what it is worth....

*** *It was a successful start* to the high school basketball season for all three Elba teams this year as all the teams entered the holiday break with a winning record. The Tigers overcame an 0-4 start to carry an 8-6 slate into the break, have already enjoyed a six-game winning streak, and have to be the biggest surprise in the area, while the Lady Tigers bounced back from a slow start and two losses at a tournament to head into the holidays with an 8-4 record and still look like the team to beat in the local 1A area standings. The Elba junior varsity barely had enough players to even have a team back when the coaches held tryouts, but have molded into a solid squad that is off to a 9-1 start. There are a lot of games left on the schedule, but the guess here is that all the team will only get better and make it a fun new year when they tip it back off next week.

*** *The teams in the area are all enjoying* a few days off and the break should help them all refuel for a run that will carry them into post-season play. In boy's action, Brantley is without a doubt the top team in the area and hasn't even hit full stride yet due to a late start because of the Bulldogs success in football; while Kinston is the best team no one has really paid any attention to because of its rugged early season schedule; Zion Chapel is a team that can beat, or at least throw a scare into any night of the week; and, New Brockton is a team that has the talent to wake up any day now, flex its muscles and pile up the wins. In girl's action, New Brockton has a very young, but very talented team that will challenge any and all challengers every time it takes the court, while Kinston is better than many realize after playing the toughest schedule in the area; Zion Chapel is betting better and will surprise somebody one night soon; and, Brantley has way too much tradition not to get it all together real soon and open some eyes. Yep, all the teams in the area will make it fun for the fans for weeks to come.

*** *Early-signing day has come and gone* and as usual Alabama was ranked #1 when all the dust had settled and all the letters had been faxed in. The Crimson Tide signed 27 players, including six five-star recruits, twenty four-star recruits and one three-star high school standout. When the scouting services write that the two most un-athletic players signed are a three-star kicker and a four-star defensive back that was named Mr. Football in Mississippi two straight years, the Tide must have signed a pretty good class. Over on the plains, Auburn got a couple of flips that drew a lot of attention, including the four-star defensive end from Highland Home that was thought to be headed to Florida State. The Tigers were a couple of steps behind as signing day approached and still trail most of the teams in the SEC as far as talent on its roster, but many folks see better days ahead and the joke is that next year Auburn may 'Freeze' out the rest of the nation when the big day rolls around again. As for the folks up at Troy, the Trojans picked up six recruits out of Mississippi and four from Alabama in their 19-man class, with the rest of the class coming from Georgia (3), Florida (2), Tennessee (2), Louisiana (1) and Texas (1). If the Trojans hope to stay atop the Sun Belt standings they will have to become a nationwide brand and not just recruit from Alabama, but it was good to see at least four in-state players ink to stay close to home.

*** *If you ever need any advice on vacation plans* or where to go during the holidays I may not be the one to ask for help. My three-week break as a school bus driver started back on Dec. 15, and after taking the advice of my doctor agreed to have cataracts removed from both eyes, and not so wisely agreed to have the two surgeries on Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. Since the time table for the surgeries includes set plans two days prior to and a five days after the operations, any plans I had for travel during the holidays were quickly put on the shelves. I don't even want to know when spring break starts!

Defeat Wicksburg & New Brockton

Tigers are back on winning track

The Elba Tigers got back on the winning track last week with two home court wins to close the pre-holiday portion of the schedule with an 8-6 record.

Following is a recap of both wins:

Elba 45 Wicksburg 43

The Elba Tigers snapped a three-game losing streak with a wild 45-43 win over the Wicksburg Panthers, last Monday night at the Tiger gym.

Elba came out misfiring from all over the court in the opening quarter and could only watch as Wicksburg jumped out to a 13-2 lead. Taylon Purvis brought the Tigers back to life late in the quarter with a pair of long three-pointers, and when Cameron Gray scored on a breakaway lay-up just before the buzzer the Tigers had pulled within 13-10.

Elba pulled even at 16-16 midway through the second quarter on a basket by Cameron Gray and the teams swapped buckets for most of the stanza until the Panthers scored late to carry a 21-19 lead in at the half.

A three-pointer by Ty Sieving sparked 6-0 run as the Tigers grabbed a 25-21 lead early in the third quarter, but Wicksburg battled back to regain the lead at 26-25 with 2:32 left in the quarter and owned a slim 31-30 lead heading into the final stanza.

Elba moved back in front 33-31 early in the fourth quarter on a three-pointer by Jacob Watkins, and led by the inside scoring of Jamal Siler stretched its lead to 38-31 midway through the stanza. The Tigers took their biggest lead of the game at 41-32 on a Cameron Gray three-pointer, but Elba's attempt to run time off the clock only resulted in Tiger turnovers as Wicksburg went on a 7-0 run to pull within 41-39. Jamal Siler

scored inside and later hit two free throws to push the Tigers lead to 45-39. However, the Panthers never quit and cut the lead to 45-43 with 22 seconds left on the clock, and Elba survived when two last-second three-point shots missed the mark.

Cameron Gray scored 15 points and Jamal Siler added 13 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Taylon Purvis 9, Ty Sieving 3, Jacob Watkins 3, and Brayden Johnson 2. Gabe Glovers scored 16 points and Garrison Guy added 12 for Wicksburg.

Elba 47 New Brockton 40

The Elba Tigers closed the game on a 10-2 run to post an exciting 47-40 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, last Tuesday night at the Tiger gym.

New Brockton came out ready to play and behind the play of Baylon Foster jumped out to a 9-2 lead midway through the opening quarter. A three-pointer by the Tigers JT Coleman slowed the early Gamecock rally, and when Cody Gray hit a three-pointer with 1:59 left in the stanza Elba had pulled even at 9-9. The Tigers trailed 14-12 early in the second quarter after a three-pointer by the Gamecocks Yassiah Rousseau and were still behind 18-15 midway through the stanza, but rallied behind the scoring of Jacob Watkins and Jamal Siler to grab a 22-18 lead late in the half, and carried a 24-20 lead in at intermission.

Elba came out firing away from behind the arc in the third quarter and after baskets by JT Coleman and Cody Gray opened up a 30-22 lead with 3:13 left in the quarter. New Brockton made only one field goal in the quarter, but connected on 7 of 10 free throws to stay within striking distance, and then scored early in the fourth quarter to cut the Elba lead to 33-31



Elba Tiger Jamal Siler (21) gets inside for an easy basket in a recent win. The Tigers will host the Pea River Christmas Classic this week at the Elba High gym.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

and caught the Tigers at 35-35 with 6:37 remaining in the game. New Brockton eased ahead 38-37 with 4:48 left on a basket by Yassiah Rousseau, but Jacob Watkins sparked a late Tiger rally, and despite hitting only 4 of 10 free throws in the final four minutes, Elba held on for the 47-40 win.

Cody Gray and JT Coleman scored 12 points apiece to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Taylon Purvis 8, Jacob Watkins 7, Jamal Siler 7 and Ty Sieving 1. Scoring for the Gamecocks Yassiah Rousseau 15, Baylon Foster 13, Anthony Silar 8, Hunter White 2 and Preston Bourne 2.

Improve record to 8-4

Elba Lady Tigers post two exciting home court wins

The Elba Lady Tigers posted a pair of exciting wins last week on their home court over Wicksburg 41-35 and New Brockton 43-41 to enter the holiday break with an 8-4 record.

Following are highlights of both wins:

Elba 41 Wicksburg 35

The Elba Lady Tigers came to life in the second half and rallied to post a hard fought 41-35 win over the pesky Wicksburg Panthers, last Monday night in Elba.

Elba came out slow in the opening stanza and was tied at 6-6 after one quarter of play, and while the Lady Tigers took an early 10-7 lead in the quarter on a three-pointer by A'Lyric Whitfield, they failed to score another point in the stanza and missed six

free throw opportunities in a one-minute span as the Lady Panthers carried a 14-10 lead in at intermission.

Tajah Purvis sparked an Elba rally early in the third quarter to pull the Lady Tigers to within 16-14, and while Elba did pull even at 20-20 with 4:12 left in the quarter on a basket by Alayvia Stinson, Wicksburg refused to let the Lady Tigers have the lead as the Lady Panthers remained in charge and carried a 28-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

Wicksburg continued to battle in the fourth quarter and opened up a 35-28 lead midway through the stanza. However, the Lady Tigers went on a 13-0 run behind the play of A'Lyric Whitfield to end the game and connected on eight

straight free throw attempts as they rallied to pull out the 41-35 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 16 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 10, Tajah Purvis 6, Brooke Tinsley 3, Ana Caldwell 2, Alayvia Stinson 2, and Yada Caldwell 2. Belle Sellers scored 19 points to lead Wicksburg.

Elba 43 New Brockton 41

The Elba Lady Tigers converted a steal at midcourt into a lay-up at the final buzzer to claim an exciting 43-41 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, last Tuesday night in Elba.

New Brockton jumped out to an early 5-2 lead on a three-pointer by Gabby Eubanks and led by the play of Eubanks and Courtney Keith never lost command as the Lady Gamecocks carried a 16-8 lead into the second quarter. A three-pointer by Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield sparked a 10-3 run that pulled the Lady Tigers within 19-18 with 2:0 left in the half, and at intermission Elba was still within striking distance as they trailed only 22-20.

New Brockton upped its lead to 25-20 early in the third quarter on a basket by Aniya Barkley, but Elba again came roaring back and this time used the hot shooting of Ny'Asia McCollough to go on a 13-0 run to grab a 33-25 advantage with 1:48 remaining in the stanza. The Lady Tigers were

still on top 36-28 heading into the fourth quarter and led 38-30 with 6:14 left on the clock after a basket by Ana Caldwell, only to see New Brockton rally and regain the lead at 39-38 on a three-pointer by Ariana Smith with 4:03 on the clock. The Lady Gamecocks had possession with the score tied at 41-41 with nine seconds left on the clock, but turned the ball over an errant pass near midcourt and Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield drove down the court and hit a lay-up at the buzzer to give the Lady Tigers the wild 43-41 win.

Ny'Asia McCollough scored 12 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 11 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Purvis 8, Ana Caldwell 5, Kendra Juarez 4 and Alayvia Stinson 3. Scoring for the Lady Gamecocks were Ariana Smith 14, Gabby Eubanks 12, Aniya Barkley 8, Brittany Williams 4, Courtney Keith 2 and Casey Williams 1.

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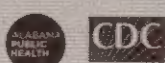
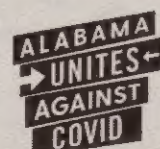
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Elba & Brantley standouts earn All-State honors

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2022 'All-State' high school football selections last week and included on the honored list were three members of the Elba Tigers, four members of the Brantley Bulldogs and one member of the Kinston Bulldogs, while one player from both Elba and Brantley received honorable mention.

The list included 32 players that played on teams that won state championships, with 1A champ Leroy leading the way with five first team selections and two second team picks, while 4A St James had six total players named to the annual list, 7A Thompson and 5A Ramsay each had five players on the list, 4A Andalusia had four players honored, 2A Fyffe had three players named all-state, and 6 Saraland had two.

Elba Tigers named first team 'All-State' were sophomore running back Alvin Henderson and junior place-kicker Alex Wiseup.

Henderson, a 5-11, 190-pound speedster, rushed for 2,636 yards in 12 games for the Tigers, averaged 219.7 yards per game and 13.5 yards per carry, and scored 46 touchdowns. He also caught 2 passes for 24 yards and two touchdowns, giving him a total of 2,660 yards in total offense and 48 touchdowns.

Wiseup, a small 5-5, 135-pound kicker with a big leg, made 3 of 3 field goals during the season with a long of 43-yards and hit on 57 of 60 extra-point attempts as he averaged 5.5 points per game with his talented toe.

Elba's Cameron Gray received second team honors as a defensive back. The 5-9, 160-pound, junior, had 5 interceptions during the Tigers 11-1 season, as well as 7 break-ups and made five fourth down stops. He was in on 49 tackles, including 30 solo stops, and had one fumble recovery.

Elba Tiger Kyle Smith received honorable mention. The 6-1, 250-pound, senior, anchored the Elba offensive line that opened holes for backs to gain 4,348 yards, an average of 363.2 yards a game, and graded out at 84 percent and had 58 devastation blocks.

Brantley was represented on the first team 'All-State' list by wide receiver Jon Bush. The 5-10, 152-pound, senior, caught 57 passes for 987 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 82.3 yards per game in receptions, the third most by a receiver in Class 1A.

Garnering second team honors were Bulldog teammates Jayden Parks, Kedrick Brown and Kaleb Weed.

Parks, a 5-10, 150-pound, sophomore, quarterback, completed 118 of 178 passes in 12 games for 2,433 yards and 276 touchdowns, with only five interceptions. He also rushed for 101 yards and three touchdowns on 37 carries.

Brown, a 6-1, 202-pound, senior, linebacker, was in on 66 total tackles (6.6 per game), with 46 solos stops and 20 assists. Of his tackle total, 18 were tackles for losses, including eight quarterback sacks. He also had one pass interception.

Weed, a 6-3, 165-pound, senior, defensive back, recorded 70 tackles from his strong safety position (7 tackles per game), with 34 solo stops and 36 assists. He had three tackles for losses, one quarterback sack and three interceptions.

Receiving honorable mention was Brantley's Romeo Presseley, a 5-10, 244-pound, junior, offensive lineman. The anchor of the Bulldogs offensive line had 14 domination blocks and graded over 90 percent in every game.

Kinston's Cale Sumblin, a 6-4, 220-pound, multi-position standout, was named to the second team as a punter. The Bulldog senior punted for a 34.7-yard average

on 27 punts, with a long punt of 49 yards. He had five punts downed inside the opponents 20-yardline.

Other area players earning 'All-State' honors included: (First Team) 7A Raymon Blackmon, senior, running back, Dothan; Jamarius Stanyard, senior, offensive line, Dothan; 5A Jy'won Boyd, junior, wide-receiver, Charles Henderson; Patrick Screws, senior, offensive line, Eufaula; Zion Grady, sophomore, defensive line, Charles Henderson; Yhonzae Pierre, senior, defensive line, Eufaula; Damien Hart, senior, linebacker, Charles Henderson; 3A Ian Foster, senior, wide-receiver, Pike County; Lucius Renshaw, senior, kicker, Houston Academy; Omarion Pinckney, junior, athlete, Daleville; 2A Landon Tyler, senior, wide-receiver, Arton; Christian Brown, senior, defensive line, Arton; CJ McNabb, senior, linebacker, Arton; Wautavious Conley, senior, athlete, Abbeville; (Second Team) 7A Mykel Johnson, senior, athlete, Enterprise; 5A Caleb Dozier, junior, wide-receiver, Headland; Kevonte Dickerson, sophomore, offensive line, Carroll; Benton Dunn, junior, center, Charles Henderson; Karmelo Overton, senior, linebacker, Carroll; Jaxon Williams, junior, athlete, Headland; 3A Terry Davis, senior, running back, Opp; Will Wells, senior, wide-receiver, Houston Academy; Ethan Coachman, senior, defensive line, Houston Academy; Jeremiah Moore, senior, defensive line, Daleville; Nelson Hall, Junior, linebacker, Opp; Gray Jennings, senior, linebacker, Opp; 2A Jamari McClure, junior, running back, Goshen; Tanner Patton, senior, kicker, G.W. Long; Austin Kercher, senior, defensive line, G.W. Long; Logan Smith, senior, defensive line, Samson; Brayden Whitehead, junior, defensive back, G.W. Long; Bryson Hughes, junior, athlete, G.W. Long; (Honorable Mention) 7A Aiden White, Enterprise; 5A Parker Adams, Charles Henderson; Nik Peerson, Charles Henderson; 3A Jeb Daughtry, Houston Academy; Keith Williams, Pike County; Robbie Gafford, Opp; 2A Jaylen Murry, Wicksburg.

High School

ROUNDBALL ROUND-UP

VARSITY BOYS:

Zion Chapel surprises Arton 71-61

The Zion Chapel Rebels pulled ahead in the first half and never looked back to post an impressive 71-61 road win over the Arton Purple Cats. Slade Grantham and Jacob Chestnut scored 18 points, apiece, to lead the Rebels, while the Purple Cats were led by Andyn Garris with 13 points and Isiah Johnson with 11.

New Brockton slips past Samson 60-56

The New Brockton Gamecocks staged a fourth quarter rally to defeat the Samson Tigers 60-56. The Gamecocks trailed 41-38 heading into the fourth quarter, but outscored the Tigers 22-15 in the stanza to post the exciting win. Baylon Foster scored 18 points to lead New Brockton, while Yassiah Rousseau added 15, including 12 points in the fourth quarter, and Anthony Silar scored 14. Coy Ingram scored 20 points to lead Samson and Jacob Branch added 14.

Kinston Bulldogs drop Opp 44-27

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed an impressive 44-27 road win over the Opp Bobcats. Tripp Hawthorne scored 17 points and Cale Sumblin added 13 to lead the Bulldogs, while Jabbari Hill scored 11 points for the Bobcats.

Zion Chapel zapped by G.W. Long 72-65

The Zion Chapel Rebels watched a second half rally fall short in a 72-65 road loss to G.W. Long. Slade Grantham and Jacob Chestnut scored 21 points, apiece, to lead the Rebels, while Bryson Hughes scored 19 points and Daylon Henderson and Brayden Whitehead both added 12 points to lead G.W. Long.

VARSITY GIRLS:

New Brockton falls to Samson 51-40

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 51-40 home court loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Gaby Eubanks scored 17 points and Aniya Barkley added 10 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Holly Warren scored 18 points for the Lady Tigers.

Zion Chapel ripped by Lady Cats 52-29

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels stayed close for two quarters in a 52-29 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. The Lady Rebels trailed only 23-21 early in the third quarter, but watched as Arton took command and ran away with the

win. Madison Meeks scored 17 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Nya Allen scored 22 points and pulled down 6 rebounds to lead the Lady Cats.

Kinston falls to Opp in overtime 56-48

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all four quarters and into an extra period in a hard fought 56-48 road loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Kaley Norris scored 19 points and Camdyn Norris added 8 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Opp was led by Vanessa Stoudemire with 34 points and 6 rebounds.

JUNIOR VARSITY:

New Brockton slams Samson 51-43

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied late to defeat the Samson Tigers 51-43. Cayden Wallace scored 25 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Tavaris Jackson led the Tigers with 21 points.

Zion Chapel falls at G.W. Long 50-45

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 50-45 road loss to G.W. Long. Marvin McLeod scored 17 points and Preston Williams added 12 to lead G.W. Long.

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1:30 - Pike Lib-Goshen

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winner

7:30 - Elba-EC winner vs.

Pike Lib-Goshen winner

(Girls Division)

3:00 - Luverne vs. New

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6:00 - Elba vs. Goshen

Friday, December 30

(Boys Division)

1:30 - Consolation

championship

3:00 - 7th-8th place game

4:30 - 3rd-4th place game

7:30 - Championship game

(Girls Division)

6:00 - Elba vs. Luverne

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To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.



MEMBERS OF THE ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 met Thursday, Dec. 22, to raise Brother Charles Matthew Brunson Sr. and Brother William Justin Prescott to a Master Mason. Food, fellowship, and work was enjoyed by 39 Brothers from various lodges. Those pictured include: (front, l to r) Daniel Stephens, Billy Colwell, Mike Amison, James Beasley, Tommy Morrow, Charles Matthew Brunson Sr., Wendell Black, William Justin Prescott, Billy Wilkerson, Chris Sanders, Robert Wehunt, Ronnie Rawls, Drexell Richards, James McDaniel, and Allan Crenshaw; (middle, l to r) Heiko Maier, Allen Brackin, Rick Browning, Gene Nelson, James Mowery, Edwin Sap, Mike Murphy, Larry Shaw, Brian Smith, Joel Moore, Troy Gideon, and Mark Hall; and (back, l to r) John Hall, Mike Taylor, Coley Andress, Jack Caradine, and Howard Oliver. Not Pictured: Steve Dewberry, Dale Stewart, Jerome Blackmon, Freddy Arnold, Jason Whitehurst, Patrick Haney, and Picture taken by Brother Eddie Kelley.

Christmas party held at Elba Senior Citizens Center

Elba Senior Citizens Center director Donna Falls and staff hosted a Christmas Party for center's seniors last Thursday morning, Dec. 22, and reportedly lots of fun was had by all in attendance.

The party included food, fun, laughter, and a visit from the jolly one himself - Santa!

Below and to the right are some scenes from last week's party for the seniors.



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